

Minutes for Town of North Smithfield Planning Board

Kendall Dean School, 83 Green Street

Thursday, January 7, 2016

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

1. Roll Call: Present: Lucien Benoit, Dean Naylor, Gary Palardy, Dinna Finnegan and Scott Lentz. Also in attendance were Town Planner Robert Ericson and Assistant Planner Bobbi Moneghan. David Punchak and Solicitor David Iglioizzi were absent.

2. Disclosure: This is where anyone can disclose potential conflicts on matters before the Planning Board. There were no disclosures.

3. Minutes: December 17, 2015. The board reviewed the minutes of December 17, 2015. Minor changes were recommended. Ms. Finnegan made a motion to accept the minutes of December 17 as amended, seconded by Mr. Palardy and Mr. Lentz. All members voted in favor of accepting the minutes as amended (5-0).

4. Decisions: Providence Pike Estates Preliminary/Final decision

Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plan: Providence Pike Estates

Applicant: Frank Simonelli
Mowry Farm Ln

Location: Providence Pike and

Assessor's Plat 19 Lot 19
Conservation

Zoning: RC: Residential

Mr. Lentz raised a question concerning the frontage requirements for lots where part of the lot is in one town and part is in another town. Lot 1 and 2 in this plan both have frontage on Providence Pike in North Smithfield. Lot 3 frontage is on Mowry Farm Rd in Smithfield. The Smithfield Planning Board has already approved this plan. The state laws are silent on this condition. Mr. Ericson said that he has spoken with Mr. Igliozi regarding this plan and they are close to agreement that it will be handled as a waiver in the final decision. Mr. Lentz recommended the LD&SR be modified to remove the specification that frontage be on a 'North Smithfield' road.

Dr. Benoit motioned to continue this discussion to the January 21, 2016 North Smithfield Planning Board meeting with Attorney Igliozi present. Mr. Palardy seconded with all in favor. (5-0)

5. Planning Board Rules of Procedure: Discussion, vote or other action on revisions. Continued from the December 17, 2015 meeting.

Ms. Finnegan suggested the Planning Department staff should email, call or text members when a meeting is canceled. There were other discussion on minor changes to the Rules of Procedures. Mr. Lentz made a motion to accept the Planning Board Rules of Procedures as amended. Mr. Palardy seconded with all in favor. (5-0)

6. Transportation Improvement Program: Discussion, vote or other

action on requests to the RI Department of Transportation for transportation improvement projects. Public hearing included.

Mr. Ericson described the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process. He also reviewed the items included in the TIP. Mr. Lentz made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:43 pm. Mr. Palardy seconded with all in favor. There were no audience members. Dr. Benoit made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:44 pm, Mr. Palardy and Mr. Lentz seconded with all in favor. (5-0)

7. Planning Board Meeting Schedule for 2016: Discussion, vote or other action on annual schedule for regular meetings. This schedule is the basis for reserving Kendall Dean auditorium. Specific meetings can be cancelled if not needed.

Dr. Benoit suggested the Board meet on the first Thursday of every month and the third Thursday only as needed. He also made the same motion. Mr. Palardy seconded with all in favor. (5-0)

Dr. Benoit left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

8. Planning Update: Summary of new developments with the Comprehensive Plan, public facilities, new commercial and manufacturing projects, infrastructure projects, applications in the pipeline, BRV Heritage Corridor projects, energy projects, zoning ordinance amendments and meetings schedule.

Ms. Moneghan discussed the meeting with the National Parks and the BRV Heritage Corridor that she attended that week. She also gave a brief update of the status of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Ericson went on to talk about the Wide World of Indoor Sports improvised landscape buffer being inconsistent with the approved Final Plan. As a result, they have a zoning violation. He also discussed Cumberland Farms, and the demise of the RIDOT roundabout plan for the intersection of Providence Pike and Greenville Rd.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Finnegan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. Mr. Lentz seconded with all in favor. (5-0)

Submitted by Bobbi Moneghan January 13, 2016

Approved by the Planning Board on 1/21/16